Statements of Witnesses - Capt. W. B. FRAZIER, 19 H 770-2

The Oswald killing - Security:

Frazier is captain of the Radio Patrol. There are 2 FBI statements here reporting interviews with him. The first is dated December 9, 1963, and sets forth Frazier's admission that at about 3:45 a.m. November 24, 1963, he was informed at the Dallas Police Department by FBI Agent Newsom, of threatening calls received by the FBI and the sheriff from an unknown individual "indicating that a group was going to kill Lee Harvey Oswald that day, that night, or the following day." Thereafter Frazier, at about 5-5:30 a.m. called Capt. J. W. Fritz at his home and reported the FBI call. Fritz"told him that Chief Jesse Curry was handling the transfer of Oswald and suggested that he (Frazier) call Chief Curry."

Between 5:30 and 5:45 a deputy sheriff phoned and reported Sheriff Decker's instructions that he request Chief Curry to call Decker about the transfer. "Captain Frazier added that the Deputy Sheriff indicated Sheriff Decker wanted Oswald transferred to the County Jail as soon as possible."

Frazier called Fritz and advised him of the Sheriff's desires, and "Captain Fritz again told him that he (Frazier) would have to contact Chief Curry as he (Curry) was handling it."

Frazier attempted this at about 6 a.m. when, for about 15 minutes, the line was busy. A check with the telephone company resulted in the report the line was out of order. It was then about 6:15 and Capt. Cecil E. Talbert arrived to relieve Frazier. Frazier "said he advised Captain Talbert of the facts relating to the above threat and also of his attempts to contact Chief Curry and the fact that Chief Curry's telephone was out of order. Captain Frazier said he also advised Talbert that Sheriff Decker wanted Chief Curry to call him."

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Frazier quoted Talbert as saying "he would send a squad car by Chief Curry's residence and have Chief Curry call him (Talbert)."

This statement seems to be signed by Frazier. The interrogation was by Agents James W. Bookhout and George W. H. Carlson. The interview was on December 6, 1963.

A statement dated November 25, 1963, and elicited on November 24, in which the questioning was by FBI Agent Milton L. Newsom, is also signed by Frazier.

In it Frazier is quoted as saying that at 3:20 a.m. the morning of the 24th he was advised by the FBI Dallas office of a threat to kill Oswald. He told the FBI he would check through the Police Department, which to the best of his knowledge had received no such calls, and "would give this information to Chief of Police Jesse E. Curry immediately." This ststement says Frazier "was advised that the Dallas Sheriff's office received a similar call."

There follow 2 one-sentence paragraphs. In the left-hand margin opposite each the word "incorrect" is written, in each case with the initials "WBF" written beside them. The first is, "Frazier said that plans to transfer Oswald to the County Jail may be changed in view of this threat, and the Dallas Police Department will keep the FBI advised."

The second says, "Frasier stated that Oswald's planned transfer had been publicized primarily as a form of cooperation with the press and news agencies of the press, and other news agencies."

Whether or not these were, in fact, incorrect statements, the first paragraph represents what should have been a normal reaction and a normal condition and was certainly in keeping with the wishes of the sheriff. The second paragraph is quite consistant with the findings of the Commission in its report and with the statements of other officials who knew Chief Curry.